

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4 - 7, and
Please add new claims 12 - 20,
as indicated on the following sheets.


CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A training apparatus for use in training a player in a spherical ball sport such as soccer, basketball or field hockey, the apparatus comprising a number of substantially rigid targets arranged around a training area for the player, the targets being positioned and adapted such that a ball struck by the player against a target will rebound into the training area so that the player can immediately strike the ball at the same or another target.
2. (Original) A training apparatus according to claim 1 in which the targets are separated, and in which retaining means is located between adjacent targets.
3. (Original) A training apparatus according to claim 1 in which each target is mounted upon a substantially rigid frame member.
4. (Currently Amended) A training apparatus according to claim [4] 3 in which the target is releasably mounted to the frame member.

5. (Currently Amended) A training apparatus according to claim 1 in which the targets are arranged upon a base member, the base member being in the form of a ring surrounding the training area.
6. (Currently Amended) A training apparatus according to claim [1] 5 in which the targets are movable relative to the base member.
7. (Currently Amended) A training apparatus according to claim 5 in which the base member is in the form of a substantially circular ring surrounding the training area.
8. (Original) A training apparatus according to claim 1 in which the targets carry identifying indicia.
9. (Original) A training apparatus according to claim 8 in which means are provided to issue instructions to the trainee regarding the target(s) to be aimed at.
10. (Original) A training apparatus according to claim 1 in which each target is in the form of a mannequin.
11. (Original) A training apparatus according to claim 1 in which the targets are substantially vertical.

12. (New) A method of training a player in a spherical ball sport such as soccer, basketball or field hockey, the method comprising the steps of: {i} providing a training apparatus comprising a number of substantially rigid targets arranged around a training area for a player, the targets being positioned and adapted such that a ball struck by the player against a target will rebound into the training area so that the player can immediately strike the ball at the same or another target, {ii} the player entering the training area with a ball, and {iii} the player delivering the ball against a target, receiving the rebounding ball and delivering the ball against another target.
13. (New) A method according to claim 12, wherein the targets are separated, and in which retaining means is located between adjacent targets.
14. (New) A method according to claim 12, in which each target is mounted upon a substantially rigid frame member.
15. (New) A method according to claim 12, in which the targets are arranged upon a base member, the base member being in the form of a ring surrounding the training area.
16. (New) A method according to claim 15 in which the targets are movable relative to the base member.

17. (New) A training apparatus according to claim 15 in which the base member is in the form of a substantially circular ring surrounding the training area.

 18. (New) A method according to claim 17, comprising providing means for issuing instructions to the trainee regarding the target(s) to be aimed at.

19. (New) A training apparatus according to claim 12 in which each target is in the form of a mannequin.

20. (New) A training apparatus according to claim 12 in which the targets are substantially vertical.
